

sports medicine physician, practicing in Fresno. He has assisted CSU Fresno student-athletes for numerous years.

Ernest A. Bedrosian (class of 1955), Krikor Y. Bedrosian (class of 1957) and J. Kenneth Bedrosian (class of 1967) from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. The brothers are partners and leaders in the raisin industry.

John E. Horstmann (class of 1958) from the Craig School of Business. Mr. Horstmann is president of Horstmann Financial and Insurance Services in Fresno. He has been an agent of New York Life Insurance Company for almost fifty years.

James Finley (class of 1974) from the Division of Graduate Studies. Mr. Finley works the U.S. Department of Defense as the deputy undersecretary for acquisition and technology.

Larry Powell (class of 1971) from the Kremen School of Education and Human Development. Mr. Powell was elected to the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools in 2006 and has also served on numerous advisory boards for CSU Fresno.

Charles "Frank" Markarian (class of 1962) from the College of Engineering. Mr. Markarian has worked in assessment and development of advanced technologies for air-launched weapons. He was awarded the U.S. Navy's highest award for civilian service.

Dr. Bette Rusk Keltner (class of 1972 and 1974) from the College of Health and Human Services. Dr. Keltner is the Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Studies at Georgetown University.

Dr. Marlene Dong Wong (class of 1969) from the Henry Madden Library. Dr. Wong is the Director of Crisis Counseling and Intervention Services for the Los Angeles Unified School District and is considered to be an expert on school safety programs.

Dr. Joan Otomo-Corgel (class of 1972) from the College of Science and Mathematics. Dr. Otomo-Corgel is a former CSU trustee who is a dentist and a UCLA adjunct professor. She serves on the CSU Fresno National Board of Visitors.

Steve Magarian (class of 1972 and 1974) from the College of Social Sciences. Mr. Magarian is a former Fresno County sheriff.

Gerald Tahajian (class of 1963) from the Division of Student Affairs. Mr. Tahajian was a CSU Fresno student body president and is now a prominent lawyer.

The third award, the Arthur Safstrom Service Award, is awarded to an alumna or friend of CSU Fresno who has given outstanding service to the Alumni Association and/or the University. This year the award is presented to Rosellen Kershaw (class of 1947), whose volunteer services and financial support has benefited numerous community organizations, including the University.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate all of the Top Dog Award recipients for their individual contributions. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the honorees many years of continual success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF DR. BETTY CLECKLEY AND HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Betty Cleckley, a dedicated educator for her 17 years of service and leadership to Marshall University. She has been at Marshall since 1989 when she accepted the new position of Vice President for Multicultural Affairs in Huntington, West Virginia. For her years of service to the students, faculty and staff of Marshall University and the community of Huntington I offer my deepest thanks and gratitude.

A native West Virginian, Dr. Cleckley graduated from Douglass High School before going on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Marquette University, a Master of Social Science degree from Smith College, A Ph.D. degree from Brandeis University and a post doctoral certificate in Higher Education Management from Harvard University.

Before working at Marshall, Dr. Cleckley held a number of administrative and teaching positions in the health and higher education fields. She was Associate Dean and Associate Professor of the School of Social Work at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, Interim Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Executive Assistant to the President and Coordinator of Meharry's Centers of Excellence at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee. She also served as the Director of the Black College Initiative at the Agency on Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration in Washington, DC.

In 1989, when Dr. Cleckley returned to Huntington, she did so with dreams of making a difference in her hometown community. The Harmony Institute at Marshall University was one of the many dreams she was able to realize during her tenure. The institute was conceived in 1997 with the mission to actively promote an appreciation for human and civil rights, social justice and racial harmony among students, administrators, faculty and staff, as well as among residents of surrounding communities so that they may have a global impact on achieving racial equality in this rapidly changing multicultural society. Over the years, the Harmony Institute has continued to fulfill that multicultural mission through community engagement and scholarly developments.

During her time at Marshall, she has been an active member of the community and has been honored many times over for her hard work and dedication. Dr. Cleckley served on the State of West Virginia Human Rights Commission and currently serves on the Martin Luther King, Jr. State of West Virginia Holiday Commission, Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation and the Center for Aging and Health Care in West Virginia, Inc. She is also a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Some of the many honors she has received are: "The WV Civil Rights Award" from the Governor of West Virginia in 2003, the "Celebrate Women Award in Education" award by

the West Virginia's Women Commission in 2003 and the "Betty Jane Cleckley Minority Research Award" which was established by the American Public Health Association and recognizes research on minority health issues, particularly among the elderly.

In her poem, "Still I Rise", poet and educator Maya Angelou writes:

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Time and again, Dr. Betty Cleckley has proven her ability to rise up and take on new challenges. Her time at Marshall has left an indelible footprint and a legacy that will be a hard act to follow. I wish Dr. Cleckley my best in all of her future endeavors and know that whatever new tasks she decides to take on, she will as always rise to the challenge.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Wednesday afternoon, October 17, 2007 and missed 2 votes. Please note in the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that had I been present, I would have voted as noted below: Rollcall vote 979 nay; Rollcall vote 980 yea.

A MAN OF HONOR, A LIFE OF
VALOR (CAPTAIN RICHARD
MACON)

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to a great American. CPT Richard Macon was not only a hero to this country, but an example of how true tenacity can overcome any obstacle. Richard Macon, a prestigious Tuskegee Airmen and one of this country's most skilled pilots, taught us that determination and commitment have the ability to help one achieve his/her dreams. Captain Macon also taught us that even the ugly head of discrimination and institutional racism cannot suppress the enduring American spirit which keeps this country a leader in the world.

Macon, with a bachelor's degree in mathematics, joined the Army Air Forces in 1943 and graduated from the segregated flying school for black airmen at Tuskegee, AL, to become a fighter pilot. Lt. Macon served as a replacement pilot with the 99th Fighter Squadron and had 16 successful missions to his credit. On August 12, 1944, he was strafing ground targets over southern France when his P-51 Mustang was hit by ground fire while escorting bombers over a German radar station. His plane was flipped upside down at treetop level and the right wing separated. Macon learned that his plane had crashed into a building used by the Germans as a headquarters, killing 40 German officers and soldiers. Macon's neck was broken and the lower